

Elizabeth Road Area

Redevelopment Newsletter

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Residents to be consulted on redevelopment plans

Residents living on the Elizabeth Road estate are to be consulted about the Council's plans to redevelop the area.

Over the coming months, the Council will consult residents in detail about your rehousing options. This work will be undertaken by an Independent Community Advisor, jointly appointed by both the Council and the Tenants and Residents Federation.

Once the initial interviews are carried out, it is hoped that the rehousing process for families on the estate can start in September 2008.



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You will already have received information from the Council about the redevelopment of the Elizabeth Road Area.

The Council agreed to appoint a Community Consultation Adviser for the project to help residents through the redevelopment scheme process. The Council asked the Chase Tenants and Residents Federation to select an experienced organisation to do this.

Independent Community Advisor (ICA) chosen

The Cannock Chase Tenants and Residents Federation and the Council have agreed to appoint independent advisors for the project to help them through the process.

Open Communities is an independent, approved, national training and advisory service for housing communities. The Chase Tenants and Residents Federation has chosen us to help communicate with and support the residents in the Elizabeth Road estate during this time of change.

Anne Ames, Chairperson of the Cannock Chase Tenants and Residents Federation said: "The Federation and the Council are working together closely to ensure that residents living in the Elizabeth Road estate have all the necessary support to help you relocate and find a new home."

"Over the coming months we will be directing our Independent Community Advisor to talk to all residents and will be listening carefully to all your concerns and views"

Currently, the staff from Open Communities, are helping to develop the the project under the supervision of the Tenants and Residents Federation and our staff will call on each resident to start the discussion about the future over the next couple of weeks.

Tom Hopkins, Open Communities Manager said: 'Our staff will call on each resident to introduce ourselves and start the discussion about any concerns and issues over the next couple of weeks.

Open Communities offer a freephone advice and information line, 0800 073 1051, which is staffed from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday.

We will also notify you of the times and locations of local 'drop ins' where you can talk to a member of our staff'.

The staff working for Open Communities on this proposal are:



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Residents Rehousing Options

Over the coming months, the Council will be contacting residents about rehousing options available.

The Council are looking at a package of measures to help you through the moving process including:

- **Changes to the way that Council properties are offered to help Elizabeth Road Area residents move as quickly as possible**
- **A compensation package to help with the costs of moving home**

Further details will be issued to residents once these have been agreed.

Once these initial interviews are carried out it is hoped that the rehousing process for families on the estate can start in July 2008.



WATERLOO
We're Housing People

Waterloo Housing Association appointed

The Council has recently appointed Waterloo Housing Association to help them with the redevelopment plans.

Based in Sutton Coldfield, Waterloo Housing Association is a major provider of affordable homes in the Midlands. As a not for profit organisation, their key activities are managing affordable homes and working with local partners to develop new or improved homes for people in housing need.



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